

Readings and Mass Intentions

SUN, DEC. 6 - Second Sunday of Advent
Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6/Phil 1:1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

8:00 a.m. Mass..... Dot Adams †

10:30 a.m. Mass

MON, DEC. 7 - St. Ambrose

Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/
Lk 5:17-26

TUE, DEC. 8 - Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

WED, DEC. 9

Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30

9:00 a.m. Mass.....Dorothy Rose Ziner †

THU, DEC. 10

Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab/
Mt 11:11-15

9:00 a.m. Mass

FRI, DEC. 11

Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/ Mt 11:16-19

9:00 a.m. Mass

SAT, DEC. 12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe

Zec 2:14-17/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38

5:30 p.m. Mass..... Humberto Estrada †



HOLY REDEEMER'S PRAYER INTENTION BOOK

Please continue to remember and pray for all those listed in the prayer intention book and those listed below.

Remember in Prayer

Max Gonzales, Diane Vera, Otto Vera, Amy Ortega, Max Schwaiger+

Returning our Treasure in Thanksgiving

Financial Information thru the week of Nov. 28th and Nov. 29th:

Weekly Need: \$11,350.00

Weekly Actual: \$10,846.12

Attendance: 673

Church Debt Loan Balance: \$347,458.45

Property Loan Balance:\$436,438.60

(as of 10/20/15)

Blessed Among Us

Servant of God Bernard of Quintavalle
Franciscan (d. ca. 1241)

Bernard, who became the first follower of St. Francis, was one of the wealthiest young men of Assisi. Intrigued by the young man who had drawn contempt and ridicule for his ostentatious embrace of poverty, Bernard one night invited Francis to sleep in his home. Overhearing his guest's ardent prayers throughout the night, Bernard was so moved that in the morning he asked Francis to help him discern God's will. Opening the missal at random, Francis alighted on the text, "If you wish to be perfect, go and sell all you own, and give it to the poor." A second time he found, "Take nothing for your journey." On a third attempt, he found, "If anyone would follow me, let him deny himself." "This is the advice that the Lord has given us," said Francis. "Go and do as you have heard." Doing as he was instructed, Bernard disposed of his property and adopted Francis's way of life.

Bernard became one of Francis's most trusted companions, accompanying him on many journeys and undertaking a special mission to Santiago de Compostela. From his deathbed Francis bestowed on him a special blessing. Bernard himself died around 1241 and was buried near his spiritual father in the Basilica of St. Francis.

"Of Bernard, St. Francis said that he was worthy of all reverence, and that he had founded this Order, because he was the first who had left the world, keeping back nothing for himself, but giving everything to Christ's poor." – From The Little Flowers of St. Francis

Jubilee Year of Mercy

December 8, 2015 - November 20, 2016.

Pope Francis has called for the Catholic Church to celebrate an Extraordinary Year of Mercy, starting on December, 8, 2015.

There are spiritual and corporal works of mercy.

The spiritual works of mercy are charitable actions by which we come to the aid of our neighbor in his spiritual and bodily necessities. Instructing, advising, consoling, comforting are spiritual works of mercy, as are forgiving and bearing wrongs patiently.

The corporal works of mercy consist especially in feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and imprisoned and burying the dead.



Among all these giving alms to the poor is one of the chief witnesses to fraternal charity: it is also a work of justice leading to God. C of C #2447.

Pope Francis outlined some practical ways we can live out the corporal and spiritual works of mercy, and offered spiritual exercises to help us grow in mercy.

Among the spiritual works of mercy, the Pope suggests, forgiving someone who slights you, recalling that God bears our own wrong patiently. Forgiving significant injury by someone and pray God to heal your pain. Comfort a grieving person, as God comforts you. Pray for the soul of a person who died. Speak with someone who has left the church or has doubts about the faith.

Make this year of mercy a year of peace and blessing to you and to others.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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| Dec. 6: Children/Youth Faith Formation
9:05 AM-10:20AM | Dec. 9: Youth Group 6:30 PM |
| Dec. 6: Baptism Prep Class 9:00 AM | Dec. 9: RCIA 7:00 PM |
| Dec. 6: Breakfast with Santa 11:30 AM | Dec. 13: Children/Youth Faith Formation
9:05 AM-10:20 AM |
| Dec. 7: Penance Service 7:00 PM | Dec. 13: Children's Christmas Pageant
Meeting 11:30 AM |
| Dec. 8: Immaculate Conception of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
Mass 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM
Bea's Quilting Group 9:00 AM | |



A Manger for Baby Jesus

Advent is a time for us to connect with God in prayer, and with others through helpfulness and kindness. The empty manger represents simple and humble hearts that are ready to welcome Jesus when he comes. Advent is the time to rid ourselves of distractions, self-centeredness and superficial longings and replace them with charity and loving expectation so that Jesus will find a cradle of love in our hearts in which to rest.

We would like to make our manger more welcoming for the baby Jesus. We ask that you offer up every good deed, every helping and kind act you perform, and every time of prayer that you give to Jesus this Advent season. As a symbol of your gift, place a small amount of straw in the manger in the church to symbolize your weekly gift to Jesus. Parents, please encourage your children of all ages to participate. The straw is next to the manger; simply put a few pieces in the manger before Mass. By Christmas, Jesus will find a comfortable manger made up of our charitable acts.



**Christmas Mass
Schedule**

Christmas Eve, December 24th
Mass @ 4:30 pm (children's program)
& Midnight Mass
Christmas Day, December 25th
10:30 am
New Year's Day, January 1st
10:30 am

**Christmas
Pageant**

All children interested in participating in the Christmas Pageant should attend the first meeting on Sunday, Dec. 13 after 10:30 Mass.

Thanks to all who helped with the Thanksgiving Baskets. We delivered over 80 baskets to very grateful families!



**Advent Penance
Service**

Please plan to join us for the beautiful sacrament of Reconciliation. May our hearts be filled with the peace and joy that this sacrament can bring this Advent season.

Monday, Dec. 7th at 7:00pm

Trim The Tree

We would like to invite all families To bring a special Christmas ornament to place on our Parish Christmas tree in the Narthex.
Let's trim the tree and make it beautiful.

**THANK YOU TO ALL
WHO ARE CALLED TO SERVE:**

SAT, DEC. 12 • 5:30 PM MASS
ALTAR SERVERS
PS - Nathalie Touchet PS - Kate Mayer
READERS
Jamie Zilar Shawn Parks
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
USHERS
Bobby Zeigler Steve Weaver
Elizabeth Weaver Mary Ann Barnard
Carol Wagner
SOUND
Dave Vandercook

SUN, DEC. 13 • 8:00 AM MASS
ALTAR SERVERS
PS - Ben Slabbekoorn PS - Brian Slabbekoorn
READERS
Kandi Smith Laura Quinn
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
USHERS
Eloy Sanchez Myra Speer
W.R. Alexander Betty Alexander
SOUND
Robert Speer

SUN, DEC. 13 • 10:30 AM MASS
ALTAR SERVERS
PS - Brogan Lane PS - Gabriel Lane
READERS
Ken Mican Maryrita Mallet
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
USHERS
Chuck Sheridan Patrick Snell
Maureen Gabarino
Thomas Edmonston
Margaret Edmonston Maryrita Mallet
Ethan Bates Marc Pierel
Carolyn Pierel Chris Lane
SOUND
Noah Murphey



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